



POMONA NEWS

Washington-Yamhill Pomona Grange

BE SAFE

WINTERIZE YOUR MACHINE

Trusting Everyone Had A Nice Holiday

It is January 2019 as I write the first newsletter of the year.

In Oregon, January usually signifies winter in the Pacific Northwest. The roads are wet, icy, foggy, dark, dangerous and so much more.

We are not Superman, and even if we were (he sees through steel) we would not see a vehicle without headlights in the dark fog.

We could try to stop a vehicle from spinning out of control after hitting a patch of ice, but it's a toss up who will come out the winner.

There are times you wish you could send a message to your traveling cohorts, "Please Be Safe"

Yes, we share the road with newer and older vehicles, which means each

automobile has it's own way of informing the driver possible maintenance issues. In the end, it is up to the vehicle owner to take care of the machine and stay safe.

Coming into a New Year, let's start with a achievable resolution:

- Check Windshield Wipers** (Clean your windshield and wipers. Do your windshield wipers need to be replaced)
- Check windshield Fluids** (do you need to add washer fluid)
- Check Radiator Fluid** (The radiator is just as important as your oil. Do you need to add antifreeze or flush old out and in with new)
- Check Oil** (Do you need an oil change, is your auto leaking oil)
- Check Tires & Tire Pressure** (winter driving requires good traction and the right amount of tire pressure to be safe)
- Headlights** (check your headlights to make sure they are in working order and use them at all times for winter driving)
- Brake Lights** (Check your brake lights to make sure they work and minimize the risk of getting rear ended)
- Signal Lights** (check to make sure all your signal lights are in working order)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2019

Scholls Grange Fund Raiser
Scholls Grange

16917 SW Hillsboro Hwy

February 9, 2019

10:00AM - 4:00PM

Valentine Craft Fair -Which Includes Scholls Famous Burgers & Pies for sale Don't miss sharing an afternoon in the country with your sweetheart & sharing a piece of homemade pie!

Good of the Order Meetings
Begin 10:00am

Hosting Grange to supply refreshments

*February 23 - Winona Grange

*May 25 - Dixie Mt. Grange Grange

*September 21 - McMinnville Grange

Pomona Grange Meetings
Begin 10:00am
Lunch \$5.00

*January 26 - Scholls Grange

*April 27 - Leedy Grange

*July 27 - Forest Grove Grange

*October 26 - Aloha Grange

*January 26, 2019 - Scholls Grange

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Don't Become One



WE LEAVE NO ROAD UNTOUCHED

Washington County's new motto (above)
(Yes, I made it up)

Is it just me? Or have you noticed the amount of construction going on.

Please be careful while traveling. We have people who place themselves in danger

every day when they go to work.

Imagine nothing between you and a fast moving vehicle other than a pole with a sign attached.



WINTERIZING

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•**Check the Battery** (does it need replacing)

Should you find yourself mechanically challenged like myself. Locally, Les Schwab or an oil change station can help with assessing the situation.

Back when I was a kid the gas station could help, but this is a new century with new ways of doing things. (Unless you pull in to the Albertson's gas station by the airport and the gas attendants are really bored. I had them wash my windshield for me one morning :)

Now on to other items to keep your vehicle happy.

Check or replace your spark plugs and wires. Bad connection or worn out, can cause issues with starting and gas mileage.

Check your Serpentine Belts. If you hear squeaky noises, it might be a good time to check your belts. A better time is before they squeak or break.

Check your oil and air filters. Especially this year. All that smoke in the air can really dirty up your filter fast.

Brakes! Have you seen that commercial where the brake mechanic is telling the customer "If the brakes don't stop you something will." FYI - in Washington

County - the 2018 report on accidents with a fixed object - 878 accidents. Don't be one of them.

And of course. It is always a very good idea to pack an emergency kit. You can do it yourself, or find one that may work best for you. Just be prepared. Always have at least some food, water, blanket & a set of warm dry change of clothes - just in case.



GRANGE MUTUAL

Here we go again. In the fall issue 2018, I wrote about Grange Mutual. For some reason I like writing about insurance. You can't go wrong with a program that helps protect individuals & their families, especially when it is a co-op.

Unfortunately, like the traditional family - the co-op is going out of style like the dinosaur.

So, I make it my purpose in life to write about the past for future historians. It's kind of like diving off a diving board. You need a place to start.

So to make a long story short:

Grange Mutual (which started out as the Lower Columbia Relief Association in 1885) expanded its line of business in 1988 to include auto insurance. Still limited to insuring only Oregon Grange members in good standing, Grange Mutual had a huge marketing handicap. The Grange was losing its membership base and by the dawn of the millennium Grange Mutual found it necessary to close its doors and another chapter in the Granges co-op history ended.

Not a good way to start the dawn of a new century in my opinion-
But I'm old fashion.

PEDS, PEDS & MORE PEDS



- Safety Tips
- Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available
 - If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and as far from traffic as possible
 - Don't be distracted by electronic devices
 - Cross streets at crosswalks or intersection
 - Look for cars in all directions
 - Never assume a driver sees you, especially self driving cars



- Wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night, or both
- Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots

As a Driver:

- Look for pedestrians
- Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk. There may be people crossing that you can't see



Country Driving

I had the privilege of attending a community meeting about bicycles on the roadway at Skyline Grange a few years back. Needless to say my head still hurts.

I was raised on Skyline and went to Skyline school. When I was growing up we were taught to look, listen and get off the road if a moving vehicle was approaching (there are several blind corners you know).

I will admit I am on the north side of 50, but when they started talking about cars going around bicycles and it was ok to go around, but should you get into an accident if you crossed a double yellow line, you're at fault. We spent that evening listening to several individuals, politicians and law enforcement included, talking in circles. I felt like I entered the "Mad Hatter's Tea Party", No pun intended.



AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Aloha Grange #773 – Meets every 4th Thursday of the month.

addition to the ham dinner a Bazaar, Bake Sale & Quilt raffle will be going on.

7:30pm meeting. Great way to spend your Friday night.

Dixie Mountain Grange #860 – Meets the first Thursday of each month.

Leedy Grange #339 – Had a Holiday Dance to raise funds for Home Plate.

Washington Grange #313 – Hand delivered a Thank You note to the North Plains Fire Department. Submitted 2 resolutions for consideration to Pomona Grange. (Both had been adopted with amendments)

Forest Grove Grange #282 – Meets: 2nd Thursday of each month – 7 pm.

McMinnville Grange #31 – Dances and Saturday Market still going strong. Had 2 new members at Pomona.

Hillsboro Grange #73 had their elections of officers. Belinda Sanchez was elected Master.

Scholls Grange # 338 – Annual Burgers and Books event coming up April 27, 2019. Still working on improving the hall.

Winona Grange # 271 – Another busy Grange. There was a Ham Radio class going the day of Pomona. They are looking forward to a few more community events. They now have their seeds and ready to take orders. Please see their web site for more information.

Kinton Grange #562 – Mark your calendar for April 28, 2019! They will be serving a ham dinner (under age 4 free– 4-12 \$5- Adult \$13) noon – 4:00pm. In

Tigard Grange #148 – Busy is a good way to put it. They are excited about their landscaping project. Their meetings are 2nd Friday of each month 6:30 potluck –



Oregon Department of Transportation report published June 11, 2018

Reported accidents in Washington County

Total Accidents - 8,169

Reported Accidents with a fixed object - 878

Day Time Accidents - 5,822

Night Time Accidents - 1,737

Dawn or Dusk - 583

Following Too Close - 3,656

Traveling Too Fast - 583

Impaired - 261

Mechanical - 56

Dry Roads - 5,251

Wet - 2,361

Snow or Ice - 427

Fog and Low Visibility - Not Included in Report

Injuries - 4,198

Deaths - 28



WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD REPORT

Be Safe out there. Make turning on your headlights as automatic as waking up each morning, your life could depend on it.



"Car-mageddon" is Coming

NW Cornelius Pass Road will be closed to all through traffic between Highway 30 and NW Germantown Road, from July 8 - October 7, 2019

In honor of Cornelius Pass Road closure, Skyline Grange is having a "Burma Shave" contest.

For more information please see: January 2019 issue of the Skyline Ridge Runner - page 9.

Web address: <http://www.srnpx.org>
- Look for the January 2019 Newsletter



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